

**AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS
TITLE 5 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
U.S. HISTORY**

I. THE REQUIREMENTS

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates: Students working for a bachelor's degree in the California State University system must satisfy the legal requirements in United States History, United States Constitution, and California State and Local Government. These requirements may be met by completing approved coursework or by passing an examination or by a combination of the two. No unit credits are received under the examination option.

Transfer Courses: Approved courses taken at other accredited colleges and universities in California may be used to fulfill this requirement. Students transferring from out-of-state schools will *not* have met the requirement in California State and Local Government.

California (Teaching) Credential Candidates: California credential candidates are required to demonstrate competency in the area of U.S. Constitutional Government by completing a course (such as those listed below) or by passing the U.S. Constitution section of the U.S. Constitution and California State and Local Government Exam (Exam A) given by the Testing Center.

Most HSU graduates have met this requirement. Students who have attended a U.C. campus, or anyone with questions, should see the Credential Analyst in the Office of Admissions & Records.

II. MEETING THE HISTORY REQUIREMENT BY COUSEWORK

The HSU courses listed here have been approved to meet the Title 5 History requirement:

Economics 323	Economic History of the United States (3 units)
History 110	United States History to 1877 (3 units)
History 111	United States History from 1877 (3 units)

**III. METTING THE HISTORY REQUIREMENT BY EXAMINATION
(NOTE: Academic credit is NOT earned through this exam)**

The History Department has developed a pair of examinations for meeting the U.S. History requirement, but students need to take only one part. Option A covers the same material as is taught in History 110, *i.e.*, U.S. History to

1877; Option B covers the material normally included in History 111, *i.e.*, U.S. History since 1877. Each part consists of 100 questions (a mix of multiple choice, true/false, and fill-in-the-blank) that students answer through a Moodle examination. A passing score is 70 or above. The tests are based on following text, which is available at the reserve desk at the Library: *The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People* by Alan Brinkley (Six Edition, published 2009).

A. TAKING THE HISTORY EXAMINATION

The exam fee is \$5.00 for HSU students. The History Examination is given by appointment only in the Testing Center located at the Lower Library room 24. Please call 707-826-3611 or email testing@humboldt.edu for an appointment. Examinees are required to present photo I.D.

B. PREPARING FOR THE HISTORY EXAMINATION

Option A of the examination is based on Chapters 1-16 of the Brinkley text; Option B is based on Chapters 16-34. Below are two sample questions to give you an idea of the types of questions on the exam.

1. During the French and Indian War, British leader William Pitt
 - a) generally ignored the colonists
 - b) continually increased his tight control over colonist
 - c) gradually loosened his initially tight control over colonist
 - d) ignored the complaints of colonists and made ever-increasing demands of them
2. The "Open Door note"
 - a) sought to give the U.S. a monopoly on trade with China
 - b) gave the U.S. a reason to be militarily involved in China
 - c) were directed to imperial powers in Europe and Asia
 - d) none of the above

C. GRADING THE HISTORY EXAMINATION

After paying the \$5 fee you are signed up to take the Institutions Challenge Exam – either Option A or B – the student will take a Moodle examination which will be electronically graded upon its completion. The Degrees section of Enrollment Management will be notified on behalf of all students passing the exam. The student will be informed of the number of correct answers but not which specific questions were correct or incorrect. Students may repeat the challenge exam only once.